

KMU Newsletter

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David Smith: Musician, Educator, and Puppeteer



David Smith has enjoyed a long career in music both as a performer and an educator. At age 17 he joined the Toronto Musicians Association where he played saxophone and clarinet in local theatres, clubs, hotels, and dance halls. It was during that time that he completed his undergraduate studies (B.Mus and ARCT Clarinet). David began his teaching career where for eleven years he taught in schools in North York. During this time he also completed a M.Mus while continuing to

be actively performing. His M.Mus thesis was "A Proposal for a High School of Music for Metropolitan Toronto".

In 1950 David was hired as Head of Music at Manitouwabing Camp of Fine Arts and Interprovincial Music Camp. In 1968 David spent a year at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick as a Sabbatical replacement and in 1969 Queens University in Kingston hired David to plan a new B.Mus degree program to prepare secondary music teachers in Eastern Ontario. After four years in this position he was invited, on a cross appointment, to a newly established Faculty of Education in which he continued until he retired in 1992.

While at Queens David conducted wind and Jazz ensembles, taught music education courses, supervised music teaching candidates, and was the music education advisor. In the Kingston community he has been a music director/conductor, and a pit orchestra member for twelve community music theatre productions. Since retiring from Queens David has been co-leader with Dave Hallam and then leader of the Sounds of Jazz 16 member big band which disbanded in 2015. He also is an active member of the Communications & Electronics Band playing Flute and Piccolo.

David has another passion that has run parallel to his career—his interest in art and puppetry which began at the age of 12. By 16 he was building string puppets (marionettes) and performing for children's parties. In 1954 David married Muriel who joined David in his interest in puppetry and through her contacts David became the founding President of the Toronto Guild of Puppetry! With their move to Kingston their interest was not diminished and it was not long before David had established "The David Smith Marionettes (dspuppet.com), and in partnership with Muriel, they created 18 marionette productions some of which they have toured throughout Ontario Schools, community events, and festivals in India, Uzbekistan and Taiwan. David has also been supporting the art of puppetry through membership as a board member in Ontario, Canadian and American puppet organizations.

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NOTICES

Here are some important notices:

- **General Meeting:** Thursday 24th November @ 8:30 am Club Royale Room 2485 Princess St Kingston
- P2 processing fee increasing on December 15th 2016 for \$325 to \$460. The normal processing time is now at 120 days.
- MPTF will fund certain projects especially those that are free to the public. There is money for senior homes right now. Please contact the office to see if you are eligible for funding.

NOMINATIONS MEETING

There will be a Nominations general meeting held in the Club Royale room on Thursday 24th November 2016 at 8:30 am. The meeting is short and should not go beyond an hour. We realize that this is an unusual time to hold a general meeting. Any participation from our membership will be greatly appreciated. Coffee and light breakfast snacks will be provided.

Nominations Meeting: 8:30am 24/11
The Royale 2485 Princess St
Kingston. **Elections will be held on the 11th December if necessary.**

ARTICLE 6 - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Election of Officers

The election of officers of this Local and delegates to the conventions of the American Federation of Musicians shall be held by secret ballot at the election meeting of the Local. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote in said election. Nominations will normally be made from the floor during the Nomination Meeting.

Section 2 - Nomination

2.1 - Any member not present at the meeting at which nominations take place, shall not be eligible for nomination for any office or delegation unless prior consent in writing has been obtained.

2.2 - No Member shall be nominated unless in good standing for one year immediately prior to such nomination, nor for more than one office in the Local, but the nomination of a member to an office in the Local shall not bar that member from nomination as a delegate.

Section 3 - Election

The election of Officers meeting shall be classed as a compulsory meeting for all who reside within the jurisdiction of Local 518. For non-attendance there will be a fine of Five Dollars (\$5.00), at the discretion of the Executive Board, if a satisfactory explanation is not sent to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4 – Election Procedure

A mailed notice addressed to the members no later than fifteen days prior to the nomination meeting shall constitute official notice to the membership of said meeting. This notification shall state:

- a) the method of voting;
- b) dates, times and places of the election
- c) The names of all candidates and the positions to which they are seeking election.

Section 5 - Ballots

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have sufficient ballots printed with the names of the qualified candidates in alphabetical order. No other ballot shall be legal.

Section 6 – Election Committee

6.1 The President, on the advice of the Executive Board, shall appoint, before the date of the nomination meeting, an Election Committee to be responsible for all aspects of the Election. That com-

mittee shall consist of a Returning Officer, who shall act as Committee Chair, an inspector, who shall have authority to authenticate and count votes, and other personnel as necessary to ensure that votes are counted accurately and the results announced expeditiously. Members of the Election Committee shall be either:

- a) members in good standing of the Local; or
- b) former members of the Local who resigned in good standing

6.2 The election committee shall be charged with conducting a fair and honest election and an accounting of all ballots cast.

6.3 The chairman shall supervise the election and vote count and will submit a written certification tabulating the number of votes cast and listing the candidates in order of votes received and indicating those elected for the ensuing term.

6.4 No Officer or member of Local 518, American Federation of Musicians, shall be allowed to enter the room during voting or the counting of ballots by the scrutineers except to cast his/her own vote.

6.5 Each member currently in good standing is entitled to one ballot and must vote in person at the time and place specified except as provided in Section 6.6. As the member is checked into the meeting room, his/her membership card verified and his/her name checked against the general roster of membership, he/she will receive his/her ballot, vote immediately and leave the premises forthwith. At the time of depositing the ballot his/her name must again be checked against the roster.

6.6 A postal or advance ballot may be requested by any member in good standing who

- a) Resides outside the limits of the city of Kingston, or
- b) Can substantiate to the President or Secretary-Treasurer that he/she will be unable to attend the election meeting due to

1. Being out of town, or
2. Having a contracted musical or other engagement which would make it impossible to attend, or
3. Being incapacitated owing to illness etc.

6.7 Upon receipt of a request for an advance ballot, the Secretary-Treasurer shall comply with it at once. It shall be the responsibility of the member voting to return the ballot in a suitable sealed envelope by the Local addressed to the election committee in an envelope addressed to the chairman of the election committee no later than 4.00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election.

6.8 The chairman of the election committee shall

be provided with a list of the members to whom ballots have been provided and it shall be his/her responsibility to bring all advance poll votes to the election meeting.

Section 7 – Election of titled officers

The election of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, shall be by simple majority (50 plus 1). In case of a tie, a second ballot shall be held between the nominees tied for first place. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be elected.

Section 8 - Declaration

In the event more than one ballot is necessary by reason of the vote, only the names of those candidates who have received an equal number of votes shall be voted upon, and the candidate or candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 9 - Rules

In all elections a member voting may vote for any number of candidates up to and including the correct number of representatives to the Executive Board or delegates to conventions as per the instructions on the ballot.

Section 10 – Term of office

The newly elected officers shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first day of January and shall be sworn in at the first General Meeting in the calendar year following the election.

Section 11 - Vacancies

Should any position on the Executive Board, with the exception of the positions of President and Secretary-Treasurer become vacant by resignation, death or otherwise, the Executive Board may appoint a member to fill the office in an acting capacity until the next regular election, as per Article 5, Section 16-c of the American Federation of Musicians' Bylaws. Acting President or Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board from within the Board.



Annual Dues 2017

Membership Dues For 2017

Regular Membership \$165

Life Membership \$85

Youth Membership \$125

Students \$165 Please contact office

Payment due up to month after your previous years dues have expired.

Please check your cards for your current expiry date. Dues can be paid with Cheque, Email transfer to kingstonmusicians@gmail.com credit card or cash

Office over holiday period

December 2016 –January 2017

The office will be closed from December 12th until 16th January. During this period if you need assistance you can contact

The Musicians' Association of Ottawa-Gatineau 1.855.235.2353

Sue will be taking a much earned holiday and will not be taking phone calls or answering emails during this time.

Looking Ahead to 2017

This year is our Election year . In accordance with our bylaws we must hold Nominations and Elections every three years. This year we had changes to our bylaws to accommodate members that live outside Kingston. For members who cannot be physically present at Election meetings we can now offer a postal ballot.

Our board currently has 8 positions to fill. There are three executive positions: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, with five board positions. We also have two open positions for auditors and plenty of opportunities to volunteer on new committees that will be forming in the new year.

Some of the new initiatives that I hope to accomplish as Secretary/Treasurer will be to travel to our remote areas of the Local and meet more of our members. We have a diverse community and there are many services available to members that are often overlooked because we are unaware of these. I am hoping that I can spend one day every 6-8 weeks travelling to meet up with members. If you would like a visit or have an idea that you would like to discuss with me please do not hesitate to contact the office. Sue

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Yearly Income: \$49,862

Total Yearly Expense: \$49,192

Income Details

Membership \$35,989

Other Sources \$734

Neutral revenue \$13,088

Expense Details

Personnel \$13,750

Administrative \$17,126

Travel \$3520

Office \$1950

Neutral Cost \$12,847

If you would like a more detailed copy of the financial reports from the office please do not hesitate to contact me. We are looking for auditors for the office accounts if you know of anyone that could do this please contact the office.

*The current balance** consists of our bank balance \$15,500 Paypal account \$4,425, Scholarship fund \$800, and petty cash \$250. Considering that 4 years ago we were at the brink of bankruptcy we are doing ok. We have no outstanding debts and are in good shape to pay our final per capita payment. The current accounts include the December 2015, March 2016, June 2016 and Sept 2016 per capita payments.

** as of 18/11/16



Upcoming Events

Kingston Symphony Orchestra

Last Night at the Proms: Saturday 19th November 7:30 pm Grand Theatre

Sunday 4th December: Mozart and Haydn 2:30 pm Isabel Bader Performing Arts Centre

Craig Jones and the 20thC Band

At Montes every Friday night 200 Ontario St from 7—10 pm . A collection of Kingston's premier Jazz instrumentalists fronted by vocalist Craig Jones. For more information craig@craigjones.ca or 613-546-6266

Swingtime Dance Band

January 26th 1:30pm Playing at the Senior Centre Kingston 56 Francis St Kingston Director Orest Koroluk

Celebration of Life for Tom Smith

Family, friends and musicians are invited to attend a CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR TOM SMITH (Thomas Charles Smith) who passed away on October 13 after battling Alzheimer's Disease. Pre-deceased by two wives Margaret and Sharon, he is remembered by his son Rolland St. Denis, his nephews Ron, Dan and niece Marlene and his good friends Hugh and Maggie McLaren. Tom was a talented musician who played Lead Guitar in bands in Kingston, Ottawa, and Texas. He was a lifetime member of the Kingston Musician's Union and a graduate of St. Lawrence College. The Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 1 pm - 3 pm at the RCAFA Wing 416 at 200 Hampton Gray Gate (the Kingston Airport). We also want to recognize and celebrate the life of Sharon Smith, who passed away in May after a lengthy battle with ALS

Dear members, For 4 years it has been my honour to serve you to the best of my ability. I have included a calendar of the days that the office will be closed over the holiday period. If you need urgent help contact Ottawa or the Canadian office as I will not be answering my emails or my phone while I am out of country this time. I will see everyone in the new year. The weeks that I am away are indicated in yellow. Thankyou for being so supportive. Sue

2017 Special Edition

At the end of 2015 we ran a special edition of our newsletter focusing on our musicians in the Local. The deadline is December 31st with the issue coming out late January. This issue was used extensively in the summer when choosing the lineup for some of the concerts in the park . Please encourage your band members to take out membership. This is only fair practice for all your fellow union members. Submission should include:

- Your Name or your Bands, Name
- the genre/s
- the region/s you are willing to play (Kingston, Trenton, Peterborough, etc)
- a description, with or without a picture
- contact details,
- links,
- name of leader.
- Send submissions to: kingstonmusicians@gmail.com "special edition 2017"

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November 2016

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December 2016

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January 2017

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